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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COLUMNIST REPORTS IMMINENT AMBASSADORIAL CHANGES

1. BULLETIN TODAY COLUMNIST JESUS BIGORNIA REPORTED APRIL 13 THAT "A MAJOR SHAKEUP IN THE PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SERVICE IS DUE."
ACCORDING TO BIGORNIA, PRESIDENT MARCOS MAY ANNOUNCE "ANY TIME NOW" THE FOLLOWING AMBASSADORIAL CHANGES:
--BENJAMIN ROMUALDEZ FROM PEKING TO USUN
--NARCISO REYES FROM USUN TO PEKING
--EDUARDO ROMUALDEZ FROM WASHINGTON TO MADRID
--LUIS MORENO SALCEDO FROM PARIS TO MOSCOW
--LETICIA RAMO-SHAHANI FROM BUCHAREST TO CANBERRA
--GREGORIO ABAD FROM CANBERRA TO BONN
--ROLANDO GARGIA FROM DFA (ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS) TO PARIS
--LEON MARIA GUERRERO FROM MEXICO TO BELGRADE
(NOTE: GUERRERO'S APPOINTMENT TO BELGRADE WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED JANUARY 7.)

2. BIGORNIA ADDED THAT LEADING PHILIPPINE JOURNALIST CARMEN GUERRERO NAKPIL, THE SISTER OF LEON MARIA GUERRERO, WOULD LIKELY BE NAMED TO "AN IMPORTANT EUROPEAN POST."

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3. COMMENT: BIGORNIA'S COLUMN IS MOST OPEN AND AUTHOR-ITATIVE PRESS SPECULATION YET ON IMPENDING AMBASSADORIAL SHIFTS. WHILE IT IS ALWAYS RISKY TO PREDICT HIGH-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS UNTIL PRESIDENT MARCOS HIMSELF HAS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL, THE CHANGES OUTLINED BY BIGORNIA TRACK WITH WHAT EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES. APPOINT-MENT OF KOKOY ROMUALDEZ TO UN WOULD CONFIRM REPORTS EA/PHL

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HAS PICKED UP FROM SOURCES IN NY. PRESUMABLY KOKOY'S
MANDATE WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT HIS SISTER BECAME
PRESIDENT OF THE GA AND GENERALLY QUEEN OF THE THIRD WORLD.
WE SUSPECT THOUGHT OF KOKOY REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINES
AT UN GIVES EVEN MOST ARDENT APOLOGISTS OF NEW SOCIETY
PAUSE FOR THOUGHT. APPOINTMENT WOULD NOT BE UNLIKE
CALIGULA'S DESIGNATION OF HIS HORSE AS ONE OF ROME'S
CONSULS.
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